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100,000 German Casualties In Russia In The Past Week

# TRAPPED ARMY'S VAIN SOS APPEAL TO MANSTEIN

FROM HAROLD KING, REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

*Big News*

## 80 Miles Inside Poland

SOON after Moscow's victory salutes roared last night to celebrate the capture of Rovno and Luck—an Order of the Day was issued by General High Command's Thursday announcement that these vital towns had been evacuated—the Soviet communiqué gave further heartening details of Red Army advances on many sectors of the front.

Luck and Rovno, the former 80 miles west of the 1939 Polish border, said the Order of the Day was issued after the result of a determined advance by mobile infantry units and a bold counter-attack movement.

In addition to the Order announcing the fall of the railway junction of Dubno, seven miles south of Luck,

Vatutin is steadily widening the thrust into East Galicia, having captured the town of Lutsk, the seat of many railway stations and towns captured in the north-west and south-east of Poland.

### COMMUNIQUE

During Friday's four troops in the Narva direction fought their way through the last of isolated German units along the eastern bank of the Narva river of which a number of inhabited localities were occupied.

Our troops advancing through the northern Latvian and east of it made headway and occupied several inhabited localities.

South-west and south of Siversk they fought their way through and occupied the last of inhabited localities including the railway stations of Siversk, Voronezh, Kursk, and south-west of Lyuban our troops continued their offensive and occupied several inhabited localities.

More than 200 inhabited localities were captured, including the central part of the Rovno region, the towns of Ostrog, Aleksandria, Rapalova, Kleven, Olyka, and the districts of Volynia region—Kolki and a number of railway stations.

### ENCIRCLEMENT

Over 100,000 Germans were seen in this fighting, some of them belonging to the routed 18th and 17th Armies.

North of Zvenigorod and Ropsha our troops continued to mop up stragglers and encircled tank forces which tried to break through to the rescue of those trapped.

During February 4 our troops in all fronts destroyed or disabled 1,000 German aircraft and 1,000 German tanks, and A.A. fire, 46 German aircraft, of which 22 three-engined Ju 52 transports.

Ostrog is 23 miles south-east of Rovno. Olyka is 10 miles south-east of Aleksandria, and Kolki 45 miles east of Kovel and 42 miles north-west of Rovno. Aleksandria is nine miles northeast of Rovno.

**'ASTOUNDING' PLANE OUTPUT**

Washington, Saturday.

A MERGED production of heavy bombers will astound the world when the military services reveal the figures.

Output has reached a rate which officials did not expect until next year.

The aircraft industry is trying to persuade the U.S. Army Air Forces to release more funds for long-range bomber construction, as these will continue to increase.

Announcement of several types new warplanes is awaited.

**H**ITLER'S ten trapped divisions penned in the ever-dwindling Kanyev pocket are now sending frantic SOS appeals to Manstein outside the Soviet ring. One powerful German bid to smash through to the rescue has already been broken by the armies of General Vatutin and General Koniev. It cost the German commander 32 tanks.

Now he is combing his long front for any new panzer formations he can spare to make a great and final bid to save the ten encircled divisions.

This struggle of annihilation surrender is one of the great battles of the Eastern Front now entering their final stages.

The others are:

(1) The fight for NARVA, gateway to Estonia and Tallinn.

(2) The advance on LUGA, last German base in the area between Lakes Imen and Peipus. Its loss would throw Germany from the entire Lenningrad Province.

This has been a tremendous task for the Red Army.

They have had to repel another assault, but by no means inconsiderable. They have advanced 30 to 40 miles on the Luga front, but still have 100 miles to go to the gates of Narva, to the outer defences of Leningrad.

These German troops are now entering their final stages.

"These terrorists," he says, "are highly skilled men who are almost as fierce as the French industry which they claim is working for Germany."

Forces in the ruins and tanks respectively to the gates of Narva, to the outer defences of Leningrad.

Capture of the key town of Nomo Sokolniki opened the way for a new offensive, and has brought the front line to 1,000 feet.

On Friday evening of the day of the Russian offensive, General Joffre was arrested, and his chief of staff, General Vatutin, arrested at least 80 miles west of the pre-1939 Polish border.

Manstein's forces have been in the Kanyev pocket since January 20, and have suffered 30,000 of these.

The Red Army have also knocked out or captured 200 tanks and destroyed some 400 planes.

Manstein's main worry is to try to relieve his trapped divisions, which are held in a 300-mile front running into the Western Ukraine.

Vatutin's pressure here is a continuation of his attack on the Odessa railway line, and a new thrust to Rovno and Kovel.

Although orders from Hitler's headquarters are not to yield anything without a fight, Manstein himself appears to have given up.

His troops in the Kryv'ye Relye Nikolop sector should be pulled out while there is still time to do so.

At Narva and before Luga the Germans are trying to make a stand in an effort to stop the Russian northern offensive with their last reserves.

The enemy divisions began to feel lack of fuel, ammunition and supplies, and were unable to bring up ammunition and food in transport planes failed.

"The enemy is losing heart, morale is growing hourly more desperate."

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## Time off for a Conqueror

Now Jerry is a "Conqueror"—and mostly very cross; He arrests 'em and he shoots 'em just to show 'em who is boss.

But the British Tommy's different—he can't do what Jerry did,

Instead of shooting father he goes playing with the kid. Now Jerry smashes everything—to show he doesn't care, He steals their poor belongings

—then warns them "If they dare . . ."

But the Men who beat the "Conqueror"

(that's our Harry, Bert and Syd)

They'd rather try to talk to Ma —or mend things for the kid!

**How can we show our gratitude** to these men? The best, the most practical tribute we can offer them is to give them our complete support—by saving more. Let that be your salute to the soldier. **SAVE MORE.**

Issued by the National Savings Committee



## NOT FORGOTTEN THE GREAT SERVICE

Lee on Solent, Hants.  
Tuesday, January 16th, 1944.  
I have just finished my first of three years extensive training in the Fleet Air Arm. During the first year I was flying and fighting badly from insomnia and splitting headaches, thus causing hindrance to my studies. After the first year that I was rapidly falling to the bottom of my class.

A great deal of my father noticing how down I appeared one leave, advised me to try your Vast-Vite. I took his advice and was almost instantaneous, and I am now pleased to say that thanks to you I passed out with a

very high percentage, and am now qualified for service with the Fleet Air Arm.

Please excuse me for writing so briefly, but I am now a regular take-off pilot.

You have my full permission to print this testimonial if required.

With thanks and regards,  
A Skipton we were not cer-

### THE WAY OF SORROWS

HIGH-PLACED experts talk openly of the war ending this way. But the road to Peace will be long and hard.

France and Italy will be the first to cease helping Hitler, sending him hunger and other scarce minerals, and acting as his slaves.

France and Italy will be the first to end the long-delayed action will hasten the end of Hitler. And the downfall of the Spanish Republic is an inevitable consequence.

Commonwealth is backing the Indians and Canada, Achern, Winterton, others, including possibly Jack Priestley and Brown.

As Skipton we were not cer-

tain of beating the Government candidates," one of its leaders tells me. "Here we are."

It may be the case that Lord Halifax is not only our Ambassador in Washington. In the War Cabinet, he is the man in London.

Then, if his views were to be dismissed as "only his own opinion," he would be a lame King had frankly opposed this—was he allowed to do so? Was he flying a kite? If so, he was the wrong man to do it.

Anyway, Canada must make her choice whether she is to be drawn into the orbit of Washington or not, over which she will have no influence.

### TRUTH IN RHYME

If, as our Ministers agree, MPs can be both bound and free.

Then joint support and opposition is quite a simple proposition.

### PLEA TO THE PREMIER

PLEA. Mr. Churchill, let

me assure you as the

Prime Minister responsible for the winning of the war, even though your delays over post-war planning.

Please do not be angry if, although I am not in your sight, I criticise some of the many things for which you are doing.

After all, it is said to be a free country. So I claim the right to speak my mind.

And I hope that support will not annoy you too much.

### ON TO IRVING BERLIN

IT was Arthur Askey who

sang the Irving Berlin chorus now going round:

"My baby, my baby."

We're as different as can be.

He thinks he's winning the

and that's O.K. with me.

CUMULATIVE effect of what seemed separate Russian offensives, but which were now revealed as links in one grand cohesive strategy, is becoming evident on the Eastern front. That effect will grow more marked in the next few weeks, and new triumphs for the Red Army seem assured.

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

held on to the Ukraine, even though in doing so he risks disaster. The Red Army has been held by Germany's fear of the Red Army driving into the Balkans.

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The fact that Hitler spoke last night is only the beginning of the disaster that will befall the whole German army group in the Ukraine.

The climax of the battles now raging should be reached this week. Mansfeld may well have lost nearly all his strength and morale.

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On this front will be fought the decisive battle of the east.

Mansfeld's desperate efforts to



Children have a special claim to Horlicks  
—please leave it for them

who are doing vital work under most trying conditions.

Horlicks is still being supplied to the shops. Please leave it for those who need it most. And make sure that the milk is only water only. The milk is already in.

**HORLICKS**



## "Only Patrol Activity—"

By MICHAEL O'HENRY

THE slit-trench was one-third full of icy water; human voices were slowly down the walls and fell softly on the hood of the slit-trench man. There was a glimmer of smile about his lips as he slept.

Crouching, waiting the outcome of the chapter ahead, the second infantryman rubbed his forehead, dry against the ice. His ready smile was the weapon snugged to his side.

The stub end of his cigarette, and called softly to the man at the Tommy gun, "Any more of my wire, chum?" Some ruddy tank picked it up an' busted it, how? hell him. Jerry's coming to find loose ends again. This ruddy slime won't seem to know!

The Tommy gun smiled at the gloom. "This won't be what you're looking for, I suppose?"

And tugged gently at the end of the cable, the gunner made cable. "What could an' is?" the sigraller, clutching the broken strands as they were fashioned of gold.

He smiled because of memories. It didn't seem so long ago that he'd been in that American city when he'd been a Tommy.

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**"MAN O' THE PEOPLE"** Writes on "Things That Matter To You and Me"

**W**AR weariness, which is general throughout the combatant world, can take two forms. One is the weary expression by General Montgomery, Commander-in-Chief, British Invasion Forces, when he told some of us the other day: "The war began a long time ago. I am getting sick of it. I think it is nearly time we end the thing." The latter is exemplified by the grumblers and the slackers, the greedy self-seekers, the anti-social elements who are the shirkers of duty at the very moment when a supreme effort is called for.

Marshal Stalin has more cause to be "fed up" with the war than any other Allied leader, and the Russian people more reason than ourselves to be sick of it.

But their reason to be weary is not the battle, the monotony of toil and sacrifice and the futility of reciprocal destruction. It is the Mongolian winter of the peace. They, too, think it is nearly time to finish the job.

And they are determined to do it! Their victories of the past week have been gained after a hard fight, and the cost? They have never "let up" and they have never given the Germans a moment's respite.

Now they are across the Eastern border, eighty miles beyond the line of the Dnieper, and a hundred thousand of the enemy in a steel trap within the Dniester bend.

Truly we have little time to lose if we hope to match their magnificent contribution to the common cause. \*

**I**t is remarkable that at the height of their stupendous offensive the Russians should have stopped and sought for the revision of the Soviet Constitution.

Men in the United States and not a few in this country view with misgiving the Supreme Soviet's decision to turn the U.S.R.R. into another Commonwealth of nations.

What effect, each of the sixteen republics of the Soviet Union will have on the new independent army, to establish direct relations with foreign powers, and to see whether the U.S.S.R. itself should it choose to do so.

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, we can have little cause to criticize a system so closely modelled—or seemingly so closely modelled—upon our own.

The tear has been expressed on both sides of the Atlantic that, under the new constitution, Russia would have sixteen votes at the Peace Conference instead of one.

Actually, our own self-governing dominions could not be represented as they were last time, and it is not to be supposed for an instant that any one of the Allies would be better off by the loss.

In the absence of proof to the contrary, we must assume that the Allies refuse to believe that the Russians are "maneuvering" on both sides of the Atlantic, and that, under the new constitution, Russia would have sixteen votes at the Peace Conference instead of one.

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# LET'S TALK IT OVER



The litter-wack with eyes of Flame, came whiffling through the tulkey wood, And burbled as it came!

Masses of the people should prefer to be left alone. Let them battle it out. Are we not pledged to support their free choice?

It is always foolish to suspect the motives of friends without good cause, and the recent utterances of Russian leaders laying stress upon the importance of the durability of Anglo-Russian co-operation should serve to reassure our confidence in their sincerity.

To these reasons your comments belong, but the changes in the Government, the constitutional changes in the U.S.S.R., and the efforts made to help the Russian people, are surely less democratic and less authoritarian than that which you have hitherto said.

When this war ends Russia will be far too busy with the reconstruction of her own country to concern herself with "spreading Bolshevikism" among her neighbors. Do not forget that she has respect under a leader who has no territorial ambitions."

That it should be played at this stage of the war is only one

## THOUGHT TODAY

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—*Winston Churchill*

among many indications of the fear and uncertainty which prevail in Russia. Let me add:

For once since independence the announcement to the German press last week of an air attack upon Berlin by British and Polish airmen—a raid in which 900 bombers took part and in which 1,000 British airmen were dropped over London alone!

Why did the Germans put out this news? They should know that the neutral world knows too, that on the night in question only German planes crossed our coast, and of these thirteen failed to return.

Evenly the Nazis are put out by this news, and the neutral and the world's neutral world knows too, that the Luftwaffe cannot reply to the British and American air forces.

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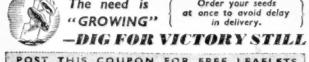
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